

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 240

By Brooks H

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Katie High for more than twenty-five years of dedicated service to the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Katie High, vice president for academic affairs and student success at the University of Tennessee (UT), has been a valuable administrator at the University for more than twenty-five years; she is taking a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in this position, Dr. High oversees academic and student affairs for the statewide UT System and serves as staff to the academic and student affairs committee of the UT Board of Trustees, coordinating mission statements, academic strategic plans, the establishment and revision of academic organizations, and admission, progression, and retention standards; and

WHEREAS, she formerly served as chief of staff to the UT System president for two years and led the University's presidential search process in 2010; and

WHEREAS, before being named chief of staff, Dr. High served with distinction in the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2005, Dr. High was vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Tennessee at Martin, in which position she oversaw the admissions and financial aid functions and all traditional student services, including student activities and Greek life; and

WHEREAS, she received a doctoral degree in higher education administration from UT in 1982 and formerly served as the University's director of management development, director of licensing, and associate senior vice president; and

WHEREAS, an educator who believes strongly in giving back to her community, Dr. High has served as president of the Tennessee State American College Testing organization, the Weakley County Carl Perkins Abuse Prevention Center, the Martin Literary Guild, the Martin Rotary Club, and the Knoxville Metropolitan Drug Commission; and

WHEREAS, she presently serves as a member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, board member of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, chair of the Tennessee Articulation and Transfer Council, and a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Formula Funding Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, she is also in demand as a consultant with schools, government agencies, and private businesses throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ohio, Dr. High is a graduate of Miami University, from which she received bachelor's and master's degrees; she taught in the public schools of Knoxville and Clinton for nine years before entering the field of higher education; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her faith at Lake Hills Presbyterian Church, where she serves as an elder and sings in the chancel choir; and

WHEREAS, her many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Dr. High is most grateful for the love, companionship, and support she receives from her husband, Reggie High, a retired member of the UT educational studies faculty, and their two sons and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable career, Dr. High has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful University community as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Katie High for more than twenty-five years of dedicated service to the University of Tennessee and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.